

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored each September by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage all Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, this event aims to increase public awareness concerning the importance of preparing for emergencies and to persuade individuals and families to take action; and

WHEREAS, being prepared includes creating an emergency supply kit containing items that will allow families to survive for at least three days in the event of an emergency, developing a plan that addresses sheltering in place or evacuating the area, staying informed about different threats that could affect our community, and seeking out training in first aid and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trains in emergency procedures and promotes preparedness through public educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Safety Advisory Committee also educates the community about public safety issues, concerns, and programs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim September as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and urge all our residents to proactively take measures to make themselves, their families, and the entire community better prepared for all types of emergencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 15th day of September 2015.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray, City Clerk